

1601] DIFFICULTIES OVER THE IRISH
COINAGE

drift to withdraw the old sterling out of the
realm is frustrated
by the merchants who underhand seek to engross
it by giving 2s
in the £ or more, when the Queen by her
proclamation pre-
scribed but 12d This fraud being but newly
discovered there
is as yet no remedy provided for it, but it cometh
on in an
underhand course as though the merchant
might buy and sell
the Queen's bullion as he doth his other shop
wares, -which in
time will rob the exchange and reimburse to
himself all the old
silver in the realm

2rd September THE SUMMONS TO PARLIAMENT
Albeit that the Earl of Rutland, the Earl of
Bedford, and the
Lords Sandys and Cromwell receive their writs of
summons to
this Parliament, yet it is thought fit by her
Majesty that they
shall forbear coming least by their appearance
before her
they renew a very unpleasant remembrance of
their late
offence, yet are they suffered to name as their
proxies whom
they wish

2th September * THE SPANISH TRAGEDY'
Ben Jonson now writeth additions to *The*
Spamsh Tragedy
for the Lord Admiral's men to play at the
Fortune

y[>]th September THE SPANIARDS LA[^]D IN
IRELAND
News is come that the Spaniards landed on
St Matthew's
day in Kinsale in Ireland which is yielded to them
There are
reported to be 28 sail, they have landed 27
pieces of ordnance
at Kinsale and are fortifying two or three places
thereabout
There are not above 3,000 of whom 1,000 are
Italians, they
have many women and children with them

FRESH TROOPS FOR IRELAND

Upon this coming of the Spaniards to Ireland a
further supply
of 2,100 men is to be levied in the counties

Their arms shall
be sorted in each hundred, 24 corslets with
pikes, 40 calivers,
12 muskets with rests, and 12 corselets with bills
with long stems,
and all to be furnished with good Turkey swords
with the best
basket hilts

\$ih October FOUR HUNDRED MEN FROM THE
CITY
The City is now required to furnish 400 men
for Ireland.